

bent generally perpendicularly from the straight portion, arm portions of the upper layer coils constructing commutator segments of a commutator;

brushes held for sliding contact with the commutator segments;

an insulating plate interposed for insulation between the arm portion of the lower layer coil and the arm portion of the upper layer coil which are provided axially outside of an axial end surface of the armature core;

a resin insulator filled in an inner groove defined among adjacent straight portions of the upper layer coils, an axial end surface of the armature core and the insulating plate; and

a cylindrical body mounted on outer peripheries of the straight portions of the upper layer coils axially outside of the axial end surface of the armature core and fixed therewith with the resin insulator, wherein the resin insulator is provided separately from the insulating plate and the cylindrical body, and the cylindrical body is mounted without protruding in an axial direction from a surface of the insulating plate which faces the arm portion of the upper layer coil, thereby opening a groove between the arm portions of the upper layer coils in a radially outward direction.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 9 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10. No new matter is added. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the amended claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments:

- (a) place the application in better condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein;
- (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments merely incorporate the subject matter of previously considered claim 10 into